

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE August 24, 1976

FULL NAME Luvern William Phegley  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY St. Louis STATE Missouri ZIP CODE 63109

DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 51 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Roman Catholic NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION Lawyer, General Counsel, Frisco Railroad

EDUCATION L.L.D. St. Louis University

WEIGHT 130 COLOR white HEIGHT 6 feet 2 inches

COLOR OF HAIR light brown with grey COLOR OF EYES [REDACTED]

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS [REDACTED]

MARRIED OR SINGLE married CHILDREN [REDACTED]  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME [REDACTED]

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Troop 51	St. Louis	Missouri	S.M.	January 1, 1974	July 12, 1976

SPECIAL RECOGNITION [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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OCT 4 1976  
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council ST LOUIS AREA

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MEMO:

TO: RUSSELL J. HART, SCOUT EXECUTIVE, ST. LOUIS AREA COUNCIL

FROM: JIM NORVELL, CAMP DIRECTOR, CAMP SANIMA

SUBJECT: ABNORMAL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR OF PHIL PHELEGY, SCOUTMASTER, TROOP 51

DATE: JULY 9, 1976

ON THURSDAY JULY 8, 1976, CAMP COMMISSIONER JACK ROGERS AND TROOP COUNSELOR KEN KOESTER CALLED TO MY ATTENTION A SITUATION INVOLVING THE BIZARRE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR OF PHIL PHELEGY, SCOUTMASTER OF TROOP 51. THE REPORT CAME TO KEN KOESTER FROM [REDACTED], SENIOR PATROL LEADER OF THE TROOP, AND SCOUT [REDACTED]. UPON LEARNING OF THE INCIDENT, I VISITED WITH SCOUTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AT 2:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY JULY (9), 1976. THEY RELATED THE FOLLOWING. BOTH SCOUTS SAID THEY WOULD TESTIFY FURTHER ON THE FACTS, IF NEEDED.

- a. Mr. Phelagy has been the Scoutmaster for four years, and this activity has been going on during his tenure.
- b. On Troop Campouts, Phelagy takes boys into the woods, or up the road for "conferences", at which time he plays with their genitals. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], says that the older boys in the troop have devised a buddy system whereby, boys never go alone with Phelagy unless accompanied by two of the older boys.
- c. The Committee Chairman, Walter Murphy has known about the situation for sometime, via a letter written and signed by the older boys. His response to them was, "can't do anything about it."
- d. In the basement of Mr. Phelagy's house in late May, Scout [REDACTED] was asked to help assemble camp manual's for the troop. While in the process of assembling manuals, Phelagy pulled down his pants, producing a large erection and asked Scout [REDACTED], if he wanted to "suck his dick."
- e. While in camp the week of 7/4/76, while in swimming, he has made a game out of diving under water and grabbing the genitals of troop members.
- f. On 7/9 while placing sunburn ointment on the legs of Scout [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also applied ointment to his genitals.
- g. On 7/8, when Scout [REDACTED] went to Phelaga, for aspirins Phelaga grasped his genitals.
- h. On 7/7, Phelaga placed his hand on the genitals of Scout [REDACTED]
- i. Scout [REDACTED], indicated that Phelaga is very open about his activities. He once said, "There is nothing wrong with what I do, my brothers and I used to do it all the time when we lived down on the farm."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

9, July 1976

*James H. Norvell*  
JAMES H. NORVELL

CONF008205

October 15, 1976

Mr. Russell J. Hart  
Scout Executive  
St. Louis Area Council, No.312

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: L. W. Phegley

Dear Russ:

Thank you for the detailed information you sent concerning the above Scouter. We have added this information to his file. This additional information should help us in the future, should this individual again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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September 3, 1976

Mr. Russell J. Hart  
Scout Executive  
St. Louis Area Council, No. 312

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: L. W. Phegley

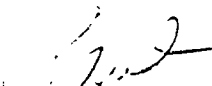
Dear Russ:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning the above Scouter. We do, however, still need more information.

We would appreciate a detailed letter concerning all the facts in this case. Substantiating documents, such as letters from people directly involved, newspaper clippings or police or court records are a necessity. This information is most important for future reference purposes and it would certainly strengthen our position of refusing to accept any future application for registration we might receive from this man.

Unless we receive the above requested material, it will be difficult for us to place this man's name on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

  
Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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July 23, 1976

Mr. Russell J. Hart  
Scout Executive  
St. Louis Area Council, No. 312


PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: L. W. Phegley

Dear Russ:

In response to your letter of July 19, regarding placing of this Scouter on the Confidential File, we are enclosing a confidential record sheet.

In addition to this completed record sheet, we will need a detailed letter advising us of the nature of the case on this individual and a complete report to substantiate our placing this individual on our file. Any newspaper clippings or substantiating documents such as police or court records would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Paul J. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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MEMO TO: Russ Hart  
FROM: Bob Winschief  
SUBJECT: Phil Flegley, Scoutmaster, Troop 51  
DATE: July 19, 1976

As a result of a memo from Jim Norvell, Camp Director - Camp Sakima, regarding the alleged abnormal behavior of Phil Flegley, Scoutmaster of Troop 51, Our Lady of Sorrows R. C. Church, Cherokee District, I called Troop 51 Committee Chairman, Walter Murphy, and arranged to visit with him that morning (Monday, July 12, 1976) at his house.

Shortly after my arrival, Mr. Joe Grana, Committeeman for Troop 51 joined Mr. Murphy and myself as a result of a call to him placed by Mr. Murphy. I shared the content of the camp director's memo with them and Mr. Ben Schaab, committeeman and [REDACTED] - referred to in the memo - was called and he also joined us. Because Scouts [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (also mentioned in the memo) and Mr. Don Newhouse were available, they also were called and asked to join us. Mr. Newhouse is a member of the Troop 51 committee.

The four committeemen present decided to question the two Scouts to confirm that what had been told to the camp director was correct. Scout [REDACTED] was called in.

[REDACTED] substantiated all points mentioned in the memo without having seen it and confirmed the incident between himself and Mr. Flegley at the Scoutmaster's home in late May. (Item d in Jim Norvell's memo)

[REDACTED] was called in and mentioned one personal incident and commented that among the boys in the troop the Scoutmaster's actions were common knowledge and in fact, joked about at several area high schools.

The Scouts were told of the seriousness of their accusations and both Scouts were asked to state under Scout Oath that what they had said was true and they did. They then were dismissed.

Committeemen present, Messrs. Murphy, Schaab, Grana and Newhouse agreed that Mr. Flegley's resignation as Scoutmaster would be asked for and they discussed who on the committee would do so.

It was agreed that since the following evening - Tuesday, July 13, 1976 was the regularly scheduled troop committee meeting, the Scoutmaster would be asked for his resignation there. Mr. Murphy indicated that he would contact, that very evening, the three remaining regularly active committeemen and brief them. The committeemen then separated.

Mr. Phil Flegley called me Tuesday morning - July 13, 1976 at approximately 8:40 a.m. and said he had been confronted the previous evening with the allegation mentioned in the memo. He stated he had given his resignation to the individual calling on him. Mr. Flegley said he had tried to recall any actions on his part that could have been construed as wrong and could not recall any except item f mentioned in the camp director's memo.

He said he had given his resignation because he could not be associated with the troop if people believed he did the things alleged. He asked if he needed to do anything in so far as the Scout Council was concerned and I said no. I stated that we did not make the accusations and I had no comment on them. After some silence he said goodbye.

Following Mr. Phegley's phone call I called Mr. Murphy who said that Mr. Vern Thurman had visited with Mr. Phegley Monday evening and had gotten Mr. Phegley's resignation. The regularly scheduled Troop Committee Meeting would be held that evening, Tuesday the 13th of July. I said I would call again on Wednesday to see if anything further had developed as a result of the meeting.

Mr. Murphy was called Wednesday, the 14th of July, and he confirmed that the committee did, in fact, have Mr. Phegley's resignation in writing and stated that all Scoutmaster mail should be directed to him as Troop Chairman.

With regard to the anonymous typed letter to Mr. Murphy in November, 1975: No action was taken because the letter was unsigned and those older Scouts questioned by Mr. Murphy denied sending the letter. Mr. Murphy shared the letter with two additional committeemen in November and they agreed to watch for any indication that allegations in the letter might have basis in truth. They saw none and dismissed the letter as a grudge note by some Scout no longer with the troop.

When questioned by the committee on Monday, July 12, both Scout [redacted] and [redacted] said they knew of the letter, but gave no indication that they knew who sent it. Asked why they had not come forward sooner to the committee the boys said Mr. Phegley was a good Scoutmaster and they wished him no harm.

St. Louis Area Council

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July 19, 1976

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Mr. Paul Ernst  
 Registration and Subscription Service  
 National Council  
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 North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Dear Paul:

It is necessary that we request that Mr. L. W. Phegley, the Scoutmaster of Troop 51, sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church at 5020 Rhodes, St. Louis, MO 63109, be placed on the confidential file. Mr. Phegley has indulged in abnormal sexual behavior in several instances. It is the desire of this Council and the sponsoring institution that his commission be denied. Please send me the necessary forms for the required report.

Sincerely,

*Russell J. Hart*  
 Russell J. Hart  
 Scout Executive

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